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Crane Hall Redux

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The day before I wrote this article I attended the “Mexican Adventure” at noon in our new Multicultural Center—a renovated space to the south of Buckshot’s, formerly called the snack bar in the lower level of the Student Union. When I arrived the room was full of students, faculty, and staff, and it was loud with conversation and laughing. Liana Henderson, our new Spanish instructor, was demonstrating the Salsa dance in the middle of the room, while festive Hispanic music played. Everyone appeared to be having a wonderful time, smiling, eating Mexican food, and talking to others.

The previous week many on campus enjoyed another event in the center: a demonstration of cooking Chinese food and discussion about the culture of China. Professor “Mike” Li, our visiting professor from Sias International University in Zhengzhou, People’s Republic of China, the institution with whom we signed a partnership agreement last year, was preparing the food and teaching how to roll dough for Chinese dumplings. On this day, too, the room was full of students, faculty, and staff, talking, eating, and enjoying the interaction, the demonstration, and learning about the Chinese culture.



of activities that complement and enrich the academic experience, such as theater, music, art, athletics, and stimulating presentations. While the engaging learning in Minot State University classrooms and laboratories is our most important purpose, we also recognize and appreciate the diversity of experiences and activities that provide us an exciting and thought-provoking atmosphere. As I come to know our university and its many features that contribute to learning and growth, I’m reminded of Virginia Woolf’s observation

that, “One of the signs of passing youth is the birth of a sense of fellowship with other human beings as we take our place among them.”

One such notable space and place for fellowship on campus is our new Beaver Dam (a name selected from many suggested by our students). The original Student Union Ballroom has been renovated into an engaging center for student activities. Features include state-of-the-art music and sound, billiards, electronic shuffleboard, Starbucks coffee, Sandella’s made-to-order food, soft furniture, a fireplace, large screen televisions, and an outdoor patio, among others. All of this was done to provide our students a place to gather, to relax, to meet new friends, and to enjoy Minot State University—AND to experience another facet of the life of a vibrant university.

The Beaver Dam has exceeded all of our expectations as a place for our students on campus to come together and enjoy each other’s company. This wouldn’t have happened without the commitment of the students and of many others to make Minot State University an inviting place for students. The students were instrumental in the design and are contributing to the support of the Beaver Dam. I stop by there often, and I am amazed by the large number of students (and faculty and staff) who are enjoying this facility.

The Beaver Dam, the Multicultural Center, our renovated Crane and Dakota Halls, and so much more have been made possible due to the outstanding efforts of one of our valued staff members, Jared Edwards. He is featured in this edition of *Connections* and his work and successful tenure at the university are well described. But no article can do justice to the extent of his work, the extraordinary support of his staff, and his dedication to our university. Minot State University has a beautiful campus and a well-functioning physical plant, and so much of that credit should go to Jared.

I invite all of our alumni and friends to visit our campus and to see our new Beaver Dam and enjoy coffee and conversation with our students. I’m sure you’ll be pleased with this beautiful new place and so many other engaging places on our campus. At Minot State University, we are dedicated to creating a dynamic and engaging university, focused on high standards and excellence in the classroom, that is worthy of being recognized as one of the premier regional, public universities in the great, Great Plains.

—DAVID FULLER
President

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This space and many others across campus are being developed and improved to offer our students, faculty, and staff new places to gather, to talk, to enjoy activities, and to appreciate the engaging and dynamic atmosphere of a university. A university should be a place with outstanding teaching and learning and full of a variety

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The renovated Crane Hall offers its residents privacy, technology and security.

(Photo by Sandra Nordstrom.)



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Homecoming '06

Homecoming 2006, featuring the theme “Get Your Beav’ On,” enjoyed fine weather and excellent support. Three campus units (Alumni Association, Center for Extended Learning/Enrollment Services and Nursing Student Association) tied for best float in the Homecoming parade. The football team annihilated South Dakota Tech 30-0 at a packed Parker Stadium in the annual Homecoming game.



All Homecoming photos by Sandra Nordstrom, except for alumni float courtesy of Alumni Office.

Third-Annual Greek Reunion

The third-annual Greek Reunion was held during Homecoming activities on Friday, Sept. 22. Approximately 250 attended the social event at the Holiday Inn. An event will be held again during Homecoming 2007. Mark your calendar for Sept. 21 to come back to MSU and renew old friendships. If you didn't receive

an invitation to the 2006 event and want to attend a future event, be sure to contact the Alumni Office to be included in the mailing list. And if you are interested in helping in any special way, please contact the Alumni Office at 858-3234.



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Alumni Association

24th annual

Gala

dinner & auction

The 24th-annual MSU GALA Dinner and Auction was held on Oct. 6 at the Holiday Inn and proved to be another success for the Alumni Association. Approximately \$39,000 was raised during this popular fundraiser.

Proceeds added to the Alumni Endowment Fund bring its principal balance to over \$550,000. This enables the Alumni Association to increase scholarships it provides for worthy MSU students.

Listed on pages 20-21 are the many generous contributors of merchandise, cash and/or corporate sponsorships that helped make this event such a great success. We are most grateful for their support of Minot State University and the Alumni Association's special fundraising event.

We look forward to seeing participants at future MSU events and especially the 2007 MSU GALA set for Oct. 5.



Auctioneer John Bearman (back, right) was assisted by Randy Burckhard and Brad Botz. Scholarship recipients assisted with the display of items.



Botz found someone in the crowd bidding on the helmet signed by the MSU football team.



Kim Thompson, John MacMartin and Tawnya Bernsdorf pose with the statuette of Dr. Fuller.



A large group attended the 24th-annual event.

All GALA photos by Adam Konczewski.

Denver Event



Alumni attended the MSU luncheon event held in Golden, Colo., on Oct. 21 at the Table Mountain Inn. Pictured, left to right, seated, Diana Pfau; standing, Christine Brekke-Scott, Joline Black, Kathy Brekke, Liz Alme, Sherry Richardson, Shirley Keith, Videll Nordmark, Linda Christianson; back row, Tawnya Bernsdorf, Kristine Kraft, Bill Kraft, Bruce Morrison, Jeff Podolski, Pat Podolski. Not picture, Johanna Cass, Bob Cvancara.

Annual Giving



It has been a whirlwind year here at Minot State University, and I have faced the challenges and opportunities with much enthusiasm. I have had the chance to meet so many wonderful people who are either connected to MSU or believe in everything that Minot State University is trying to accomplish. All of you make my job worthwhile and exciting at the same time. My last article in *Connections* talked about the importance of annual giving and ways to make that happen. This article will focus more on year-end giving and how it benefits you and MSU.

Year end is an excellent time for giving. You are not only giving to initiatives and scholarship opportunities, but you are also able to use this as a tax deduction before the tax season is done. When you make a gift to help support higher education, you aren't just giving; you are carrying on your legacy. By supporting Minot State University, you can help and be a part of securing the university's vision for the future—to achieve national distinction as one of the premier, public, regional universities in the "great" Great Plains.

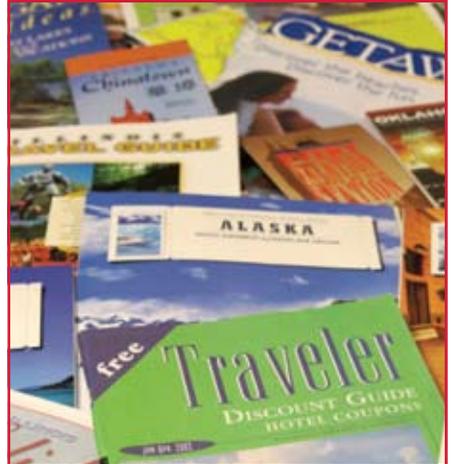
There are many ways for you to give to Minot State University. You can make a cash gift, a planned gift, a gift annuity, or a gift of stock.

I hope you all received the Annual Excellence letter. If you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at 701-858-3373 or tawnya.bernsdorf@minotstateu.edu. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!

—TAWNYA BERNSDORF
Director of Alumni/Annual Giving

See page 30 for 2007 schedule of events.

Alumni Association Travel Opportunities



**Travel the world with
alumni and friends!**

The tour offerings are available to all graduates, former students, friends of MSU, as well as anyone ready for the adventure of a lifetime. Travel opportunities are currently available through 2007.

2007

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Best of Greece
 - June Disney World
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Best of Norway
14-day Australia
 - August Williamsburg
& Washington, D.C.
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 - September Heart of Europe
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Alaska Inside Passage
Grecian Explorer
 - October Classic New England
 - November Las Vegas weekend
 - December Italian Holiday
- For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 800-777-0750, ext. 3234 or 701-858-3234; email: alumni@minotstateu.edu

Ken Becker Reunion

Minot State University hosted a reunion for Coach Ken Becker and his football, baseball, basketball and golf teams during Homecoming. More than 125 people were able to make it back to honor their coach and share some memories, including Coach Becker's entire family.

The two-day reunion was full of activities, including the Beaver Booster luncheon, a campus tour, football team practice, and a reunion social on Friday. On Saturday, the team members rode on a float in the Homecoming parade, were introduced at halftime of

the football game, and were recognized at the MSU Hall of Fame banquet. It was announced that over \$46,000 has been raised for the Ken Becker Athletic Scholarship, which is well on the way to its \$100,000 goal.

Minot State University was very happy with the event and looks forward to coordinating future reunions. Thank you to all the reunion participants for taking the time to come back and share the 2006 Homecoming. A picture slideshow is available on the Web site at www.msubeavers.com. Click on the Ken Becker reunion slideshow.



Kneeling—Left to Right: Donn Feldner, Jerry Hoiland, Gary Olmstead, Terry Summers, Greg Fjeld, Bert Leidholt, Mike Gessner, Bruce Meidinger, Mike Schatz, Brian Hornecker. Standing, Left to Right: Merlin Martin, Ted Deschamp, Jim Haider, Ken Escoffery, Frank Bruels, Rich Feldner, Greg Johnson, Jim Vossler, Mike Klimpel, Bruce Bremer, Brad Johnson, Kevin Hatfield, Coach Ken Becker, Howard Tribble, Doug Johnson, Ray Giacoletti, Craig Tweten, Doug Nelson, Chipper Farrell, Bruce Kramer, Rick Hedberg, Keith Urbaniak, Erik Bjork, Mike Johnson, Tom Feldner, Don Werlinger.



Becker family. Sitting—Ken and Luella Becker. Standing—Patti Court, Whitey Becker, Julie Arbach, Nancy Johnson.



First row—Left to Right: Jim Vossler, David Aamot, John Schwan, Dean Bachmeier, Mike Gessner, Bruce Meidinger, Doug Johnson, Ted Deschamp, Mike Schatz. Second Row—Left to Right: Brian Hornecker, Ray Giacoletti, Howard Tribble, Bruce Bremer, Greg Fjeld, Chipper Farrell, Wendell Mongeon, Merlin Martin, Dave Greenwood, Rick Waters, Gary Olmstead, Ken Escoffery, Chris Gardner, Mike Johnson, Bruce Kramer, Coach Ken Becker.

Homecoming 2007 will include a celebration of 50 years of MSU Baseball. A Baseball Reunion will be held in conjunction with all the other Homecoming festivities, Sept. 21-23, 2007. See you there!

Campus to Become a More Dynamic and Engaging Place



Students enjoy the Beaver Dam, a new lounge in the former Student Union ballroom.

Many people view MSU President David Fuller as a dynamic person—positive in attitude and full of energy and new ideas.

True to his nature, Fuller hopes to transform Minot State University's low-profile campus into a dynamic place that integrates living and learning. His ultimate goal is to create a premier regional university worthy of national distinction.

"When I got here, I was struck with how quiet it was here," the president said. "We were telling students, 'Come to our place, don't make a lot of noise and get your work done before 4:30 because we're going to shut the doors and turn off the lights in our Student Union and in most offices and buildings.'"

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Fuller believes that education goes beyond knowledge-transfer in classrooms and laboratories. He favors, instead, a holistic model in which learning takes place across campus and around the community at nontraditional times.

Through surveys and focus groups, stakeholders on campus and in the community affirmed this view. They favored more

cavernous facility was used sporadically for dances, banquets and shows, but student leaders wanted it to have a more permanent use.

A \$1.1 million facelift has produced the Beaver Dam, a sumptuous lounge that includes pool tables, shuffleboard, large-screen television, soft furniture, fireplace, sandwich shop and a Starbucks. Outside the lounge is a patio with colorful outdoor furniture and umbrellas.

The Student Association relocated its offices to the vicinity of Beaver Dam, giving student leaders greater access to their constituents.

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academic rigor, multicultural and diversity awareness, and civic engagement.

“There is a real interest in creating much more of a dynamic campus—more activity, more support, more, as the students say, things to do,” Fuller said.

The president hopes that recent upgrades to several campus buildings—the Student Union, Crane Hall and Dakota Hall—will have a catalytic effect on campus climate.

Student Union

The antiquated ballroom in the Student Union experienced a dramatic change. The

exchange stories, study, work on computers, listen to music, develop friendships and get to know their peers,” Fuller said. “We should provide a variety of spaces that are engaging and loud and fun, in addition to those places that are quiet and provide for study and reflection. These places allow students and community members opportunities to develop a connection to this place.”

The Student Union, built in 1961, also experienced an upgrade to its heating, ventilation, air conditioning and sprinkler systems. Handicapped-accessible restrooms replaced older facilities.



Residence hall director Evan Meiers enters Crane Hall from the south. The stained-glass art surrounding the doors was donated to the university by the family of the late T. H. Luedke in 1985. The windows hung in Old Main until it was remodeled in 2003. Sandra Berger of California designed the panels.



Jeremy Hierso, a freshman from France, swipes his ID card to access his Crane Hall suite.

residential university. With only 13 percent of its students living on campus, it was drifting toward the status of a community college. He wanted Crane Hall to re-emerge as an attractive, modern residence hall on the west end of campus.

Two years and \$4.4 million later, Crane is now an ultramodern residence hall featuring two-room suites for four residents with a shared bathroom. The hall accommodates 88 students.

Suite and apartment-style arrangements have replaced gang-style dorms on college campuses. Privacy has become the new currency with young people. Lisa Eriksmoen, MSU’s director of residence life, attributes this trend to changing demographics.

“Students nowadays come from small families, where they have their own room, some their own bathroom,” she said. “They’re used to their own space. The thought of sharing a small room is stressful to them.”

In 2007, Minot State will require that first-year students live on campus, a common practice at other campuses in the state.

“We’re going to guarantee them a better academic experience, help them develop long-lasting friendships and get them more engaged in the campus community,” Fuller said of the adjustment. “Living on

Crane Hall

Built in 1960, Crane Hall served as a residence hall until the late 1990s, when a trend toward off-campus living forced its closure. After it sat idle for five years, university officials planned to convert it to a professional development center.

But the president had other ideas. He felt MSU was losing its identity as a

campus helps students do better academically, become more involved in campus life and develop a stronger relationship to the university.”

Crane Hall also features a classroom for on-campus course delivery and summer conferences, making the hall a futuristic living-and-learning center.

Dakota Hall

Since its construction in 1931, the centrally located Dakota Hall has been a favorite of upper-division and graduate women. This past year, restrooms, showers and laundry facilities on the south end were upgraded for the convenience of its 47 residents. Cost of the renovation was \$650,000.

In addition, the Residence Life staff relocated to new offices on the ground floor of the building, bringing them closer to the residence halls they monitor.

Dakota Hall is noted for the seriousness of its residents. As a unit, it traditionally has the highest grade point average on campus.



Dakota Hall received several upgrades over the past year.

Other Changes

The Slaaten Center, named for retired business professor Doris Slaaten, has been renovated into a duplex for MSU students. The building was originally built as a Tri-Sig sorority house in the 1960s. Sold to the university foundation in the mid-1970s, it housed older-than-average and graduate women.

The Gordon B. Olson Library will soon feature a food-and-drink kiosk for

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student use. In the past, food and drink were prohibited in the facility. Although it’s the academic heart of the university and a place to study, research and read, the library should also be known as a place to engage in dialogue, read current newspapers and enjoy a cup of coffee or sandwich, Fuller said.

Future changes on campus will involve Swain Hall and the newly purchased A.J. Automotive building across Broadway from the campus. The president hopes that these facilities will eventually house niche programs that will garner national recognition for the university.

As MSU advances on its long trajectory toward its 2013 Centennial, the word “dynamic” will become a familiar touchstone on campus.

“We have to think in innovative and new ways about the modern student,” Fuller said.

John Dewey Reborn

Educational reformer John Dewey first proposed dynamic, engaged learning at the start of the 19th century. In his seminal work, “Democracy and Education,” he proposed learning by doing, a notion that derived from the philosophy of Pragmatism. For Dewey, education should not be the teaching of dead facts. Instead, students should attain knowledge and skills by being fully integrated into their environment. His philosophy stressed the development of problem-solving and critical-thinking skills rather than memorization.

Initial Impressions Are Quite Favorable

Students and staff are settling into their renovated spaces on campus. Here are some initial reactions:



Evan Meiers, a senior music education major, is the residence hall director of Crane Hall.

On the refurbished hall: “It’s tailored for upper-class students

who want to excel in their learning. It’s really quiet in here.”

On residents’ reaction to the hall: “Everything’s positive. They love it here. There are activities for them to do. I haven’t heard one complaint about this place.”



Ali Guitian, a senior broadcasting major, is president of the Student Association.

On Beaver Dam:

“I went in there to study for a test one night at 8 p.m., and I stayed until 10 p.m. when it closed. It was in full use that entire evening. It’s always being used.”

On the SA’s new second-floor offices: “Students are able to see that the student government is doing something for the student body. I’ve had more people stop in since we are by the Beaver Dam.”



Lisa Eriksmoen is director of Residence Life.

On her new office complex in Dakota Hall: “We are excited to be in such a nice

office space. We’re especially excited to have windows.”

On mandatory freshman residency next year: “It works on a lot of other campuses. There are going to be growing pains with it. Then it becomes the culture of the campus, and no one even thinks twice about it anymore.”

Edwards Oversees a Small Empire on Campus

Although he didn't run a jackhammer or wield a nail gun, Jared Edwards was a key worker on the recent Crane Hall, Dakota Hall and the Student Union reconstruction jobs.

As director of Plant Services, Edwards oversees all capital construction on the Minot State campus. Since 1989, he has been involved with nine buildings and numerous other capital projects worth in excess of \$50 million.

Edwards' fingerprints are on virtually every campus landmark—Model Hall, Gordon B. Olson Library, Memorial Hall, Cyril Moore Science Center, Student Union-Administration Building and Old Main, in addition to the recent projects.

Not bad for a man who started as a carpenter at MSU in 1985. Edwards later managed campus buildings, while another worker handled the grounds. When the duties were combined in 1989, Edwards became director of Plant Services. The self-effacing director manages 21 buildings on MSU's leafy 102-acre campus.

Toughest Job

Edwards said his biggest challenge was the Old Main renovation, which was completed in 2003 at a cost of \$8.9 million. The project transformed a quaint 1914-era building into a 21st-century facility.

"We turned that project around in a little over 13 months," Edwards said. "While doing so, areas of the building were still providing academic services to our students."

Before demolition began, Edwards' staff moved whole departments to other buildings on campus. After construction, it moved them back into their new facilities. Coordination was very important, since phones and computers had to continue working. One indomitable department, however, never moved.

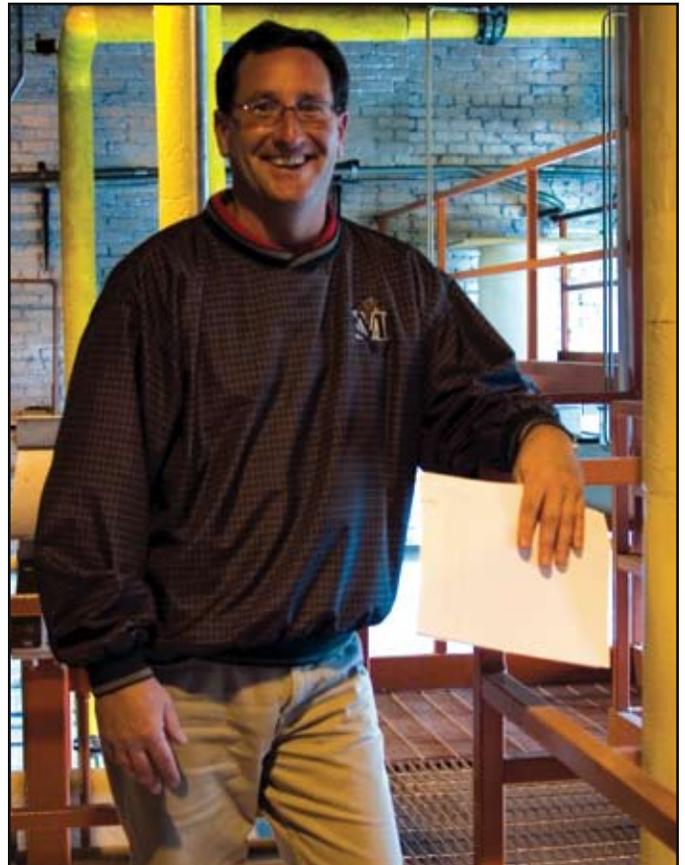
"We didn't displace IT Central throughout the entire process," Edwards recalled. "We used a lot of plastic and Visqueen, and had wires everywhere. We literally had to lay carpet underneath them, but we didn't lose any service."

Coordinator Role

Edwards' role in capital construction has expanded through the years. He has become more involved in planning the projects he oversees. This means interacting with the staff of the State Board of Higher Education and members of the N.D. Legislature.

"These projects don't happen overnight," he said. "We know which step we are going to take, one to the next. You have to plan out 10 years. We have to tell our story, show how a project meshes with other projects and other academic missions that we have."

With each project, Edwards facilitates on one committee to select an architect and on another for design development.



Throughout the process, he solicits input from the academic departments that will use the facilities.

"There are certain things we want to accomplish with the building envelope, but the detail has to come from the faculty who know their disciplines much better than we do," he said.

Real Job

With the completion of the three capital projects this fall, Edwards was freed to return to his first job — supervising 52 full-time and 30 part-time Plant Services employees who maintain the campus on a daily basis. The staff includes custodians, carpenters, boiler operators, vehicle mechanics, electricians, plumbers and systems mechanics, along with maintenance and delivery personnel.

The office coordinates not only service calls for building maintenance and HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning), but also the daily motor pool, receiving and parcel services, parking and campus police.

“Edwards’ fingerprints are on virtually every campus landmark—Model Hall, Gordon B. Olson Library, Memorial Hall, Cyril Moore Science Center, Student Union-Administration Building and Old Main, in addition to the recent projects.”

“We have some talented individuals,” Edwards said. “They need to be commended. Our staff is excellent in providing services.”

Being proactive with facility maintenance is his goal, but tight budgets and reduced staff limit what can be done.

demands of the student fitness center located there.

“Our next capital project would be Swain Hall,” he said. “The facility is deteriorating. We have electrical issues. We’re maxed out powerwise. It needs a complete electrical and mechanical upgrade.”

Buildings demand more maintenance as they age, he said.

A case in point is Swain Hall. The 1952 gymnasium still uses fuses and steam heat and lacks air-conditioning and adequate ventilation. It struggles to handle the

Family Ties

For Edwards, Minot State is a family affair. His grandmother, Bessie Freed, served as housemother for Minot State’s Mu Sigma Tau fraternity in the 1950s.

His father, Bill Edwards, worked at MSU for 20 years, first as an assistant to President Gordon B. Olson and later as registrar.

Edwards’ sister, Shawneen Voiles, graduated from Minot State. She teaches part time for MSU’s Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance and for the Center for Extended Learning. She has taught for 32 years in the Minot Public Schools.

When he takes a break from his demanding job, Edwards likes to play golf and hunt. Early mornings in the field transport him into an almost ethereal realm.

“I like when the prairie comes alive,” he said. “You can hear the birds flying overhead; you can’t see them yet. As the sun breaks, all of a sudden you see a little fox 10 feet from you. It’s fun to be out there right in the middle of it, away from everything. You don’t even see a utility pole.”

But his mind and heart soon return to the MSU campus, where the maintenance and construction work never ends—just the way Edwards likes it.

As Other Professionals See Jared Edwards

To gain perspective on Jared Edwards, Connections spoke to local professionals who have worked with him over the years. Here are their comments:

Lon Drevecky, president and chief mechanical engineer for Prairie Engineering PC, has worked on MSU construction projects for 27 years.

On a Student Union remodeling project early in Edwards’ career: “He dove into that project and dissected it into small pieces. He got it done and got it done quickly. I was amazed at his ability to tackle a difficult job at such a young age and do it that successfully.”

On his vision: “He’s a pretty astute individual. He knows what he would like to see out of a project. He has ability to push a project along. That’s important.”

Wayne Whitty, an architect with Anderson, Wade, Whitty & Larson PC, worked on the recent Crane Hall and Student Union remodelings.

On Edwards’ knowledge: “You can ask him where every shutoff valve on campus is, and he can lead you right to it, tell you the size of it and when it was replaced. He knows which products are easiest to maintain, most durable and the best dollar value for the purchase price.”

On his availability: “We meet regularly when we have projects going on. It

takes one phone call, and he’s either at our office, or we’re sitting down at the job site.”

Kevin Mattson, president of Mattson Construction, has been a general contractor on MSU projects since 1973.

On Edwards’ judgment: “He knows the mechanical systems there. He knows how the heat and air are distributed in a building. That’s usually what people complain about—it’s too cold, too hot, too stuffy.”

On his instructions to build an outdoor volleyball court: “(Edwards) said, ‘Here’s the spot. I want you to dig a hole and fill it full of sand.’”

Ron Dorn, MSU vice president for administration and finance, oversees Plant Services.

On Edwards’ role: “He is the representative between the university and the contractor. He would be our eyes and ears.”

On his planning ability: “He’ll say we need to do this. If we don’t do it now, this is what it will cost a couple of years down the road.”

On his value to MSU: “I’ve been 30 years in this business. He’s as good as any of them that I’ve worked with.”

Alumni Online

The MSU Alumni Association maintains a database of alumni and provides an online directory. The listing includes all graduates, as well as former students, including their name, maiden name, city, state, and class year.

Alumni who have requested the university not release their information will be excluded. If you are not interested in being included, want to update the information listed or provide information for inclusion, please e-mail your information to alumni@minotstateu.edu. We are continually updating, so visit often.

Former Registrar Led Computer Revolution at MSU

Former Registrar Bill Edwards was present at the creation—the creation of computerized registration at Minot State University.

“That’s a long, involved story,” Edwards told *Connections* recently.

The story began when Minot State created an Experimental College in 1971. Flush with a \$350,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, the college created the first computer center on campus.

The university leased an IBM 1130 computer for \$1,200 a month in 1972. It consisted of a keyboard console, disk drive, printer and punch-card reader. It boasted eight kilobytes of memory.

By 1974, 500 MSU students were using the computer center annually. In addition, Campus School students used it for daily computer-assisted instruction.

When the Experimental College’s grant ended, Edwards approached instructor Eric Clausen about the popular piece of hardware.

“I talked to Eric about getting some computer stuff going,” Edwards recalled. “Eric had the old IBM 1130. He told a student what I had in mind, and he made a pretty nice registration system. It was a one-horse deal, but it got the job done.”

Later, the state Board of Higher Education decided to create a statewide computer system to handle student records.

“I was on that development team. We designed it ourselves. That lasted up until just recently. Now, they’ve run into some problems with what they’ve done. It doesn’t seem to work right,” Edwards said, referring to the ConnectND system.

ConnectND is designed to link colleges and administrative offices with the same administrative software. The North Dakota University System recently announced that it would replace its PeopleSoft software with Oracle’s Fusion over the next four years. Oracle bought former rival PeopleSoft in 2004.

Edwards has a long relationship with Minot State. While attending the school from 1948 to 1952, he majored in physical education and played football and golf.

After graduation, Edwards taught and coached at Underwood for a year and then at Minot High School for 17 years. He returned to Minot State in 1969 as an assistant to President Gordon B. Olson. He became registrar in 1975, a position he held until he retired in 1990.

“It was a good place to work—nice people, good students,” he said.

Others in the Edwards’ clan have also contributed to the Minot State tradition.

Edwards and his wife Celesta are the parents of Jared Edwards, MSU’s director of Plant Services, and Shawneen Voiles, an adjunct instructor at the university.

Celesta Edwards served as a campus host for MSU’s elderhostel program for a number of years. The university offered pottery, jewelry and lapidary classes to visiting seniors from across the nation.

Bill Edwards’ sister, Marguerite Chambers, worked at Minot State for 24 years. She began as assistant bookstore manager in 1963 and became manager in 1983. She retired in 1987.

And Bill Edwards’ mother, Bessie Freed, served as housemother for MSU’s Mu Sigma Tau fraternity in the 1950s.

In retirement, Bill Edwards says he limits his activity to things he likes to do.

“I’ve got a garden, a big yard and a little place at the lake—a lot of maintenance to take care of. I go over and watch a few ballgames at Minot State,” he said.

The former registrar also attends monthly luncheons with former faculty and staff members. And if anyone asks, he can tell them about life on campus before computers.

Minot Couple Touches Lives Through Education

A Montana native found a home in the Magic City while attending Minot State University.

Helena-raised Terry Voiles came to MSU to play basketball for Coach Wes Luther in the early 1970s. As a mop-headed point guard, Voiles played on two conference champion teams. His teammates included Kurt Carlson, Frank Bruels, Steve Dentz and Walter Bees.

During his senior season, Voiles was third on the team in scoring, averaging 12 points per game. He downplays his contribution to the winning squad.

“I had the record for the most fouls. That probably still stands,” he said.

Out-of-state members of that team developed a special camaraderie while living in Pioneer Hall.

“It was a suitcase college then,” he recalled. “Everyone went home. Come Friday afternoon, we had the whole place to ourselves. We became pretty close.”

A physical education major, Voiles learned bedrock values that he carried into his teaching and coaching career.

“I hoped to take a little bit of Wes Luther, Fred Brooks, Gordon Olson and Bill Edwards and pass those attributes on to students. They were good models,” he said.

Voiles coached boys’ basketball at Bishop Ryan High School for 10 years. He then returned to MSU and coached women’s basketball for seven years. After a few years in the investment business, he returned to Bishop Ryan as principal five years ago. He applauds the schools in his adopted city.

“Educationally, this city is about as good as you can find,” he said. “Minot State is a wonderful university. Bishop Ryan is an excellent school. We have to be because the public schools are so outstanding.”

Voiles and his wife Shawneen have one son, Cort, a freshman at Bishop Ryan.

Shawneen Voiles is the sister of Jared Edwards, MSU’s director of Plant Services, and the daughter of Bill Edwards, the school’s former registrar. She, too, has a long affiliation with the university.

A 1975 MSU graduate, Shawneen Voiles has taught in the Minot Public Schools for 32 years. For the last 14 years she has been a Title I teacher at Roosevelt School, providing students with extra help in reading and math.

For the past 20 years, she has also served as an adjunct instructor at Minot State. She has taught education majors as well as teachers in the field. Paul Mehta, her undergraduate adviser, inspired her to work with other teachers. She enjoys seeing college students contemplate a career in teaching and then commit to it.

"I love to teach, anything I can do to share my passion about education," she said.

Shawneen has offered classes through the Department of Teacher Education and Human Performance and through the Center for Extended Learning. She has presented teacher-training workshops on the MSU campus, over the Internet, at sites across North Dakota and in nine other states.

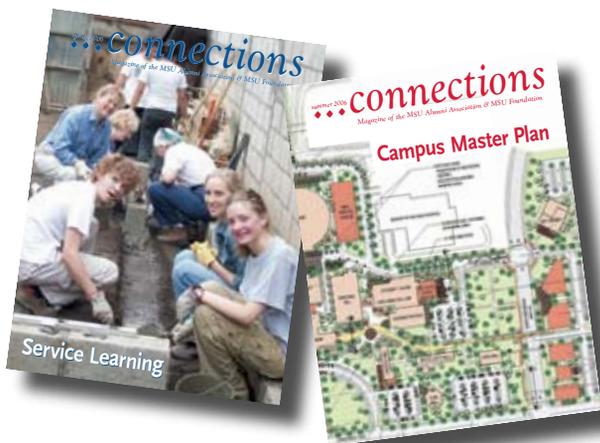
Shawneen Voiles has also supervised 18 student teachers during her career.

"She's one of those teachers who shares everything she has," Terry Voiles said of his wife. "That's great for ed majors to have someone like that."

Together, the Minot couple continues to enrich the lives of countless students and teachers—an ongoing legacy of Minot State as a teachers college.

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Serving Our Students Better:

A Rationale for a New Freshman Housing Policy

The world we live in is changing quickly and so must higher education and Minot State University. New markets created by distance education and other innovative adaptations such as interactive television have helped to provide quality educational experiences to broader audiences.

Coupled with these changing delivery methods have been other cultural changes that drive campus decisions. Students today are typically coming from smaller families with higher expectations for privacy. New technologies and other material items compete for students' attention.

As a result of these trends, Minot State University has carefully considered how to get the most value out of the time and money invested in a university degree. Under the direction of President David Fuller, new ideas are being studied to make educational delivery as cost effective and meaningful as possible. To this point, one aspect of university life that a growing number of students do not take full advantage of is the education that one can get outside the classroom. Minot State University has a variety of learning environments and experiences that can contribute to this well-rounded, high-value education.

To make these opportunities fully available to students, Minot State University is implementing a new freshman housing policy that will require students to live on campus. Common at many colleges and universities, housing policies are in place to ensure a well-rounded, high-value educational experience. To promote student success, Minot State University will require undergraduate students who have earned fewer than 24 semester hours and are under 20 years of age prior to the first day of their first semester to live on campus and select from a variety of meal plans.

Experience shows that students who live on campus are more likely to complete their degrees, are more involved with university activities, and graduate at higher rates than students living off campus.

There are a variety of extenuating circumstances that warrant reasonable exemptions from the policy. These may include students who are:

- married
- commuting from the permanent home of one's parents or legal guardian within a 25-mile radius of Minot State University
- requiring a living arrangement with a family member other than parents, within a 25-mile radius of Minot State University
- a veteran of military service or active duty personnel
- a single parent
- registered for **only distance education** courses
- disabled requiring specialized care or equipment
- experiencing circumstances that may require special consideration

If you have any questions about this new policy, please call the Student Life Office at 858-3363 or 800-777-0750 ext. 3363 or log on to www.minotstateu.edu/life/.

Johnson Demonstrates Zest for Life



Some people are content to nibble at life, while others choose to devour it hungrily.

Minot State graduate Earl Johnson typifies the latter.

The 87-year-old's current passion is the Senior Olympics. He started competing 15 years ago after retiring from teaching. Since then, he has dominated the singles bowling event.

He recently bowled a 708 series to qualify for the state tournament in his hometown of Albuquerque, N.M. He also competes in horseshoe pitching and high jumping. His goal is to earn a berth in the national tournament in Louisville, Ky.

Johnson earned all-state honors in three sports at Kenmare High School. He had scholarship offers from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota, but he chose Minot State. As a Beaver, he played on all-conference teams in football and basketball. Contemporaries Herb Parker and Vence Elgie saw him in action.

"They'll lie for me," Johnson said.

Johnson interrupted his athletic career when the United States entered World War II. He became a paratrooper with the Army's 101st Airborne Division, the celebrated "Screaming Eagles."

The 101st's Pathfinder units dropped onto the beaches of Normandy the night before the D-Day invasion. Their goal was to set up radio and visual guides for the main airborne force that would follow. But low clouds and antiaircraft fire scattered American planes. In addition, some landing zones were heavily defended.

"It was chaos," he recalled. "I never did find my company. The Germans were confused as much as we were."

The 101st also took part in Operation Market Garden to secure bridges for Allied troops advancing on Holland. Johnson was also at the Battle of the Bulge, where the division contained the German advance by defending the Bastogne road junction.

The 101st Airborne Division saw 1,766 killed and 6,388 wounded in the war. Johnson was bayoneted and hit with shrapnel.

When the fog of war lifted at one juncture, Johnson and his buddies played an exhibition game against the touring New York Yankees.

"I had a pretty good game," he said. "They told me that when I was in New York they'd give me a tryout. They assigned me down to the New Jersey Mud Hens. After one week, they told me goodbye. It was a token thing because I was in the service."

Johnson's war injuries effectively ended his athletic career. He graduated from Minot State in 1949 with degrees in physical education, history and social studies. He was a member of Mu Sigma Tau fraternity. He moved to Albuquerque and earned a master's degree in special education at the University of New Mexico.

He taught and coached in the Albuquerque public schools for 23 years, working with students with disabilities and with delinquents. He also taught at the University of New Mexico. Altogether, he spent 38 years in the classroom.

Johnson's wife Lorraine (Bostow), a Max native, attended Minot State and majored in accounting. The couple has three grown children. Their oldest son, Gary, was a two-term governor of New

Mexico. Daughter Lori teaches special education in Albuquerque. Their youngest son, Scott, is an associate professor and head of general thoracic surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

"I do not ever want to think what would have happened to me if Minot State had not given me the opportunity to get an education. I want to thank everyone who helped me out," he said.

Seattle Photographer Found Inspiration at Minot State



As a Minot State undergraduate in the early 1970s, Rosanne Olson majored in chemistry and biology, minored in art and English and participated in gymnastics for good measure.

"I'm a Renaissance kind of girl," Olson explained during an artist-in-residence visit to MSU in early October.

Olson has built a successful career in fine art and commercial photography on the West Coast. Her work has been published in magazines such as *Connoisseur*, *Parents*, *Ladies Home Journal* and *Forbes*. Her commercial clients include Eddie Bauer, Hewlett Packard, Boeing and Mattel. Galleries in Seattle, Houston and New York have exhibited her work.

Olson presented lectures and workshops and displayed her work at MSU's Hartnett Hall Gallery during her week-long visit.

"I really enjoyed the students; they were attentive," she said. "I was happy with the turnout for the classes."

Olson's career in the arts was partly inspired by MSU humanities professor Floyd Fairweather.

"He brought art to life in a way that nobody else did. It was always so much fun to go to his classes," she said.

After college, Olson worked in the medical field in Eugene, Ore. She then decided to attend graduate school at the University of Oregon. Creeping anxiety overtook her as she faced the entrance exam.

"I was wondering if Minot State's education would hold up. It held up very well. I got a great education," she said.

In grad school, Olson focused on photojournalism, allowing her to meld her twin passions of art and science.

"A lot of photographers come from science backgrounds," she said. "There's a lot of physics in photography. You have to learn about f-stops, shutter speeds, lighting and how all that works together."

Olson worked as photo editor for *Running Magazine*, a Nike publication, and then as a staff photographer at *The Register-Guard*, a daily newspaper in Eugene. She specialized in feature work, invaluable training for a budding fine art photographer.

"You're always trying to connect with people or with an idea," she said. "It has to do with understanding and compassion."

Olson and her husband, pediatrician and poet Ted McMahon, live in Seattle.

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Men's Preview

The Minot State University Men's Basketball program finished 18-12 last season. It was the fifth time in a row that it finished in the top three in the Dakota Athletic Conference. The 2006-07 version of the Beavers will feature a plethora of new faces. The last time MSU was in a perceived rebuilding year (2004-05), the Beavers won the DAC championship and a berth to the NAIA II National Tournament.

At the point-guard position, transfers Patrick Beck (Odessa JC) and Ricky Martinez (Miracosta CC) will both vie for the starting spot. The Beavers get some additional help at Christmas when

combo guard Joe Gathings (Harper JC) regains eligibility. At the off-guard position is a familiar face in Jordan Cooper (Westhope). Cooper will be one of three seniors on the roster and will bring experience and a deadly shooting touch to the perimeter. Also looking to get on the floor is another senior, Terrence Anderson (South Mountain CC).

At the forward position, Drew Hysjulien (Grand Forks) leads the way. He is an experienced senior and a very good shooter. Returning home to the Magic City is Matt Witwer. Witwer played sparingly last year at the Colorado School of Mines (NCAA II) after tearing his ACL during the off-season. Cleodis Red Hilliard (Malcolm X JC) will be a force as well. Inside, one newcomer and one somewhat-familiar face will battle for minutes. Newcomer Jessie Ford (Independence CC) is an athletic post who is very skilled. The somewhat-familiar face is Milan Cvetkovic (Serbia). Cvetkovic red-shirted last year as a sophomore and is a very strong and athletic post.

Ninth-year Head Coach Mike Hultz summarized the Beavers' prospects: "We feel we had a good recruiting season. We do return some people. It is going to take us some time before we reach our potential. Our preseason schedule is as tough as we have ever had, because we play 10 of our 14 non-conference games on the road. Therefore, we will have to be patient with ourselves, but in time I feel we will have a good team and hope to be in the mix for a conference championship.

Women's Preview

The MSU Lady Beavers are coming off a stellar finish in 2006 with a Conference Co-Championship in the regular season as well as a fantastic finish in the DAC tourney, where they won three come-from-behind games to take the championship. The DAC Championship took the Lady Beavers to the NAIA II National Championships in Sioux City, Iowa.

Returning from last year's team are nine veterans, three of whom are returning starters. Seniors Tayler McQuilliams and Jenny Castro saw plenty of court time last season and had some big moments in some very big games. Rounding out the senior class are Hillary DeMers and Arrita Oler. DeMers was voted Best Defensive Player by her teammates last season. Oler was the top scorer for the Lady Beavers before she tore her ACL in the third game of the year, forcing her to spend the year in rehabilitation.

Leading the charge for the returning underclassmen is second-team All-Conference guard Kendra Meyer. Meyer led the Lady Beavers in scoring last season with 13 ppg. She was voted Co-Defensive Player of the Year in the DAC. Other returners include sophomores Christa Suedbeck, Kayla Rettig, Brittni Walker and Heather Lizotte. Three junior-college transfers join the Lady Beavers this year — Amy Fullmer, Tashara Simpson and Kim Ramirez. Rounding out the list of newcomers are five freshmen—Whitney Loftesnes, MacKenzie Mack, Sam Medcalf, Heidi Rosenbaum and Alyssa Almond.

The DAC race will be tight once again this season, with several teams returning all of their players and others entirely rebuilding. Look for the Lady Beavers to be a fun team to watch this season with several players having a knack for scoring.

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11/25.....	Presentation.....	7:00
12/1.....	W. Montana.....	(MST) 8:00
12/2.....	Montana Tech.....	(MST) 7:00
12/7.....	Dickinson.....	7:30 pm
12/9.....	Brandon.....	7:00 pm
12/18.....	UND.....	7:00
12/28-30.....	Winnipeg Xmas Trn.	TBA
1/5.....	Black Hills.....	(MST) 7:30
1/6.....	SD Mines.....	(MST) 6:00
1/12.....	Jamestown.....	7:30
1/13.....	Valley City.....	6:00
1/19.....	Mayville.....	7:30
1/20.....	Dakota.....	6:00
1/26.....	Dakota.....	7:30
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2/2.....	Valley City.....	7:30
2/3.....	Jamestown.....	6:00
2/9.....	SD Mines.....	7:30
2/10.....	Black Hills.....	6:00
2/15.....	Dickinson.....	(MST) 7:30
2/20-23-26 ..	DAC Playoffs	TBA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

11/10.....	Great Falls	6:00
11/13.....	MSU-N.	6:00
11/21.....	Presentation.....	7:00
11/28.....	Brandon.....	6:35
12/2.....	Rocky Mt.	(MST) 6:00
12/4.....	Brandon.....	6:30
12/7.....	Dickinson.....	5:30
12/10.....	Presentation.....	4:00
12/12.....	Rocky Mt.	7:00
12/28.....	Hope International.....	3:00
12/29.....	Westmont College.....	2:00
1/5.....	Black Hills.....	(MST) 5:30
1/6.....	SD Mines.....	(MST) 4:00
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HOME GAMES IN BOLD.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Student Learning, Success, and Achievements

- A new program in the Biology and Chemistry Departments hosted Native American students in summer research internships that brought eight students to campus in 2006. The students were primarily from the Fort Berthold Reservation and Belcourt. They worked on their INBRE (IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence) research projects with Drs. Chris Beachy, Heidi Super, Mikhail Bobylev and Chris Keller.
- Two graduate students of the Math and Computer Science Department have received honors. Fred Strand, a math teacher at Hatton, was named North Dakota's 2006 Teacher of the Year. Sue Strand, a math teacher at Bismarck, received the 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.
- The Spanish Club, supervised by Professor Liana Henderson, hosted a Cinco de Mayo party in May.
- The Phi Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honors society, inducted four new members in May—Jessica Anderson, Krista Barnick, Melissa Harris, and Eileen Southam.
- A series of diversity lectures and events were held during the MSU Diversity Week in September. MSU Diversity Week is organized by the Diversity Action Team from various colleges, departments and offices on campus.

New Faculty

- Hasan Buker teaches in the Department of Criminal Justice. He was previously employed as a police supervisor for the Turkish National Police. His main inter-

ests are policing, criminological theory and public administration. Originally from Turkey, he is married and has two children.

- Brandon Craswell is an instructor in the Music Division. He has played with the Atlanta, Indianapolis, Honolulu, and Jacksonville Symphonies as well as the Civic Orchestra in Chicago. He will be working with Grant Linsell with bands and will be helping to build the jazz program.
- Romana Crnkovic was hired as a full-time instructor to teach physics classes in the Division of Science. She was previously employed at MSU and is from Belgrade, Serbia.
- Grant Linsell is the new director of bands in the Music Division. He is a native of Michigan. He and wife Sara were recently married. He is bringing a new vision for bands at MSU.
- Audra Myerchin is teaching communication and broadcasting courses in the Humanities Division. Her professional interests include studying gender communication and professional management communication.
- Michael Nason is a full-time instructor teaching criminal justice courses on the Bismarck campus. He has served in a variety of capacities in the criminal justice field. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice from MSU. He and wife Donna have one son.
- Deana Rennick is an art instructor in the Humanities Division. She was previously the Kenan Visiting Artist at Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky.

- Avis Veikley is the new director of the Northwest Art Center. She moved to full-time employment at MSU after serving for the past four years as an adjunct faculty member, teaching percussion in the Music Division.
- Alan Widmayer is now a full-time instructor in the Division of Social Sciences and Department of Criminal Justice. He has taught part time in the Sociology Department and was previously an instructor in the criminal justice program from 1989-91.

External Resources and Partnerships

- Ursula Schittko received a grant on Native American botany from the N.D. State Historical Society.
- Ernst Pijning has received a national grant from the U.S. Department of State to help support the activities of the Minot Area Council for International Visitors.
- Laurie Geller and several math faculty members received a grant on the Title II math and science partnership with the N.D. Department of Public Instruction. The grant is designed to support the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in providing professional development opportunities for N.D. math teachers as part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.
- CAS is in the middle of helping the university with the development of partnership agreements with several tribal colleges.



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Golden Awards Event Held



BRENT ASKVIG received his bachelor of science degrees in elementary education and mental retardation from Minot State in 1981, his master's degree at MSU in special education with an emphasis on severe multiple disabilities in 1982, and his doctoral degree from the University of Idaho in Moscow in 1990. His first teaching position was at Bismarck Public Schools, where he started the first severe disabilities

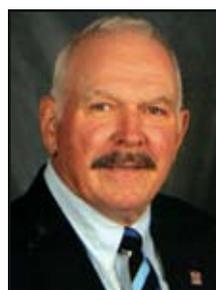
program in that district. He received the Burleigh County and State of North Dakota awards for Teacher of the Year from the Association for Retarded Citizens in 1984. He returned to Minot State in 1984, where he worked as the coordinator for the MSU Infant Development Program, later becoming a grant-funded instructor in the Department of Special Education. After living in Idaho, he returned to MSU in 1990 as an assistant professor in special education, served as coordinator of programs in mental retardation and severe disabilities and became department chair in 1996. In 1998, Brent served as assistant dean in the Graduate School, while continuing as a special education faculty member. MSU received a federal grant and recognition as a university center of excellence in disabilities in 1990, and the unit called North Dakota Center for Disabilities was started with Brent initially serving as a coordinator of outreach and community training. He was named associate director of NDCPD in 2004. Brent has been involved in numerous local, state and national activities in the disability community. He has served as state president for the Council for Exceptional Children, has worked on many state and regional disability boards, and was a governor-appointed member of the state Interagency Coordinating Council for Early Intervention and served as president of the council for two years. Besides the committee work, grant writing, and service work at MSU and around the state, Brent has always been a teacher. He continues to teach classes each year, helping to create new special education teachers and new alumni for MSU. He and his wife, Stacy, have two sons, Joshua and Ethen.



JOHN KINCHELOE spent the first 17 years of his professional life associated with a residential speech-and-hearing clinic of international acclaim, before Dr. Gordon Olson offered him the chairmanship of the Division of Special Education at MSU in 1972. During his first years on campus, he started several new graduate programs, each of which required extensive hands-on clinical experiences. Instrumental to this

rapid growth was his ability to obtain federal grants which underwrote faculty positions and provided stipends for students to study at MSU. The expansion of special education programs overloaded the already cramped clinical facilities on campus, so John explored ways to alleviate the problem. He ultimately came up with the concept of the Institute for Agricultural and Rural Human Resource Development, the key to federal funds used to renovate

and expand Memorial Hall. He was active professionally on both national and state levels and appeared regularly before legislative committees to document needs for handicapped persons. He was a consultant to the U.S. Office of Education and a number of rehabilitation programs from New York to Kentucky. He also served on various education and special education accreditation teams around the country. He was MSU's first director of graduate studies and served 11 years as Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, as it was then called, before he retired in 1996. Of his honors, he particularly covets the N.D. Humanitarian Award, a recognition by his professional peers, and the United Cerebral Palsy National Merit Award. In North Dakota, he is a past president of the State Council for Exceptional Children, the Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, the Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop, YMCA, and Rotary.



TOM MYHRA earned bachelor of science degrees in English, social science, and education administration from Minot State in 1957, and graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1959 with a master's degree in history. He retired from teaching in 1990. He taught in Velva, N.D., and at the University of South Dakota, and served as an administrator in Racine, Wis., for one year and for 24 years

at Fridley, Minn. He was honored as Teacher of the Year in 1966 and became a finalist for the state contest. As an administrator, he was a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, was the Minnesota ASCD state treasurer and president, served on the national ASCD board of directors and was awarded the MASCD Outstanding Leadership award. Tom has been a member of the Board of Regents since its inception. He served as a leader to revive the Minot State/Brandon International Relations Peace Garden conferences, has been an organizer, and host of MSU events in Minnesota for annual reunions in the mid-60s, and was instrumental in the establishment of an MSU endowment fund in memory of his mother, Helen Gaheen Myhra, a graduate of the first MSU class in 1913, to provide scholarships to elementary education majors. He has also served on many community organizations. Awards include Fridley Chamber of Commerce's Outstanding Citizen of the Year, the Jaycees Leadership Award, and Kiwanian of the Year in 1985. He was instrumental in the organization of the Fridley Historical Society, Fridley School Foundation, Concerned Citizens of Fridley, and a latchkey program for the young people of Fridley. He and his wife, Gloria, a 1957 MSU graduate, are the parents of three children. In the half century since he and Gloria graduated from MSU, they often paraphrase Webster: "It is true, stranger, it was a small college, but there are hundreds of graduates that love it as we do."

CURT ZIMBELMAN is a lifelong resident of Minot and has been an active participant in growing the community for over 28 years. He graduated from Minot Model High School and Minot State

OUR READERS WRITE

Just finished perusing the cover, back and front, and was quite surprised at the size of the current and proposed campus. Quite impressive.

As a Navy student from March 1944-February 1945, I recall that the campus was considerably smaller. I arrived there one week past my 18th birthday. It consisted of what is now Old Main, where all the classes were taught and for the administration of the college and Navy organizations; Dakota Hall, housing all Navy V-12; Pioneer Hall, housing some V-12 and all of the Navy V-5 aviation cadets; the powerhouse; Model School; the Student Union, which was located about where the "wellness center addition" is shown; and the football/baseball field/obstacle course, which were located about where the mailing label is on the back cover. Plenty big enough for the 300 or so Navy types and somewhat less of the civilian students.

I note McCulloch Hall, which I assume was named for Hazel McCulloch, our dedicated, caring and talented history teacher. None of us knew she was a librarian by profession. We soon learned she was a learned scholar and researcher. In the spring of 1944, one of the wags in my section decided to sidetrack Hazel for part of the period of U.S. history by asking for her speculation on the possible date of any invasion of Europe, specifically France and the low countries. Hazel stated that she had been reviewing the tide tables and had found that the best time for a landing in Normandy beaches, her choice for the operation, would be the early morning of June 6, about 0530, that being the optimum tidal low. If that time was not chosen, then the next optimum tide low would not occur until September. She missed the landing at Omaha Beach, one of the Normandy beaches, by half an hour, as there were stormy conditions that delayed the landing. Many of the 17-19- year-old sailors were impressed. Hazel was a special gift to us as a teacher and friend. She was, at that time, a fairly short, plump, gray-haired, grandmotherly appearing lady who none of us would have suspected knew anything about tide tables, with Minot being a substantial distance from salt water.

Educators come in all sizes and packages, we learned at then Minot State Teacher's College. I am personally delighted to see her name on a building. She was a class act.

I didn't see a building for Nellie Swenson. She, like Hazel, was a career librarian. However, in our day, she was a full-time math teacher for the Navy students. I had her for calculus, not by desire or choice, as the Navy didn't allow such. We were lucky to

have her, as she was also an extremely caring, dedicated, prescient teacher. My section was a bonehead group, and I often felt sorry for her. She smiled a lot at the stumbling of our efforts with this challenging subject and went out of her way to see that we made it through successfully. I am 80 years old and still wonder how Nellie managed to steer me and others through.

Those of us who attended MSTC were especially blessed, even though at the time we had no idea why we were sent to North Dakota, of all places, for a Navy unit. Nellie Swenson was a gift to us and a joy as a teacher; none of us knew she was really a librarian.

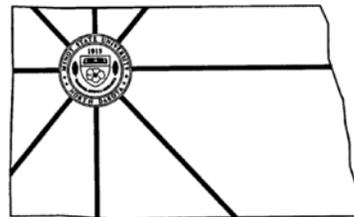
Your university holds a special place in my heart. I only spent three semesters there, but they gave me the academic foundation to progress further during those unpleasant and trying times worldwide and in my postwar education.

—JIM RABIDEAU
Pasco, Wash.

Nominations Sought



Alumni Association



Minot State University Alumni Association continues to accept nominations for consideration for the Golden Award.

Selection for the award is based on one or more specified criteria. The Golden

Awards committee reviews the nominations and selects names to be submitted to the Alumni Board of Directors for final approval.

Anyone interested in nominating someone should utilize the official nomination form. This can be found on the Web site at www.minotstateu.edu or contact the Alumni Office (701-858-3234). The next recognition event may be held in fall 2007.

Golden Awards continued...



University in 1972. He is the vice president of operations at First Western Bank and Trust and was an owner of the Magic City Snowbears professional basketball team in Minot. Before becoming mayor, Curt was a Minot alderman for 24 years and served as president of the City Council, chairman of the Finance and Improvements Committee, chairman of the Airport Committee, chairman of the City-County-School-Park Liaison Committee, and council representative on

the Minot Conventions and Visitors Bureau and the Minot Recreation Commission. During his time as mayor, Curt has actively supported Minot Air Force Base retention efforts, intermodel facility efforts, economic development activities, a future community bowl, and many other community projects. Curt and his wife, Linda, have four grown children and four grandchildren. Curt has enjoyed sports his entire life and is an active football official. He has worked to bring many national softball tournaments to Minot and has been the treasurer for the high school tournament committee for many years. He is a longtime member of the Sertoma Club of Minot.

After 58 Years

Joe Bolyard '49 and **Joy Kippen Sanders '47** were pictured on the cover of the Student Life Bulletin in June 1947 while attending Minot State together. Following graduation, each went separate ways.

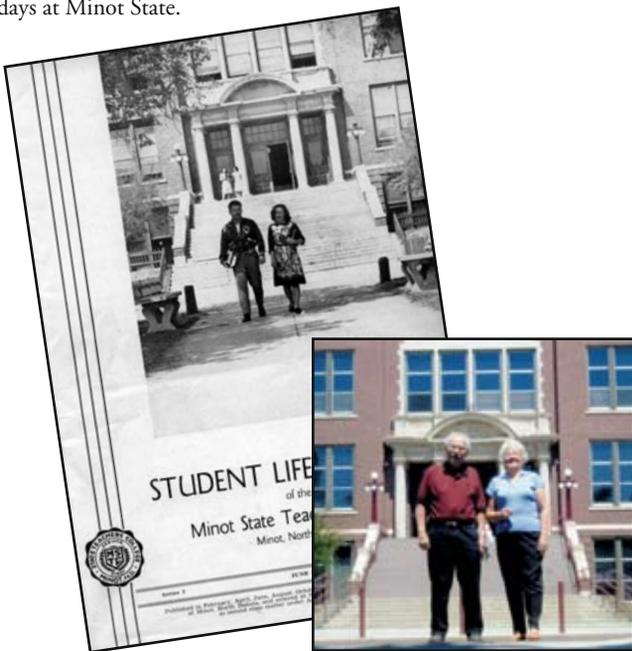
In January 2006, they reconnected after 58 years between flights in Minneapolis and decided to meet in Minot this past summer so that they could retake this photo (bottom, right).

So where have they been?

Joy graduated from Minot State in 1947 with a bachelor of science degree in English and minors in science and education. She taught in Culbertson, Mont., for one year. She married Lee Sanders, who attended MSU in 1942 and 1945-47. They have two children. In 1949, they moved to California, and she taught junior high school in Freedom, Calif., for 10 years. They moved to Santa Clara, Calif., and she taught 30 years in Silicon Valley's Cupertino Union School District, where she was chosen Teacher of the Year. She and Lee also taught in Kinshasa, Congo, under a sister-city arrangement with the American School there. She retired in 1990. Retirement has found her traveling and touring all continents except Antarctica, where her view of that continent was by a low-flying chartered flight. She notes: "Many trips with the family were to North Dakota, where I have maintained close ties and have always been grateful for the educational program I received there."

Joe graduated from Minot State in 1949 with a B.A. in music and minor in math and history. He began his teaching career in Fessenden, N.D., and taught there for two years. He married Ethel Melby in 1952, and they had two children. He moved to Minnesota and taught in Herman for five years and in Farmington for 15 years. He received his master's in music from the University of Iowa and did advanced degree work at Vandercook College of Music in Chicago. He retired in 1990 after 20 years of teaching instrumental music in Kenosha, Wisc. He has traveled to all of the United States and all Canadian provinces.

Joe and Joy spent almost a week in the Minot area in July revisiting many of the locations they remembered and reminiscing about their days at Minot State.



Photo—Stephanie Burkle.

50s

Les Christianson '52, Devils Lake, was inducted into the Devils Lake Teacher Hall of Fame in May. He served as the junior high principal for 13 years and as the athletic director for nine years at Devils Lake. He retired in 1987. He and his wife, Ruth, have two grown children, Brian and Debbie.

60s



Michael J. Lalum attended MSU 1962-67 majoring in music education. His trumpet virtuoso skills culminated in a lifelong professional career in Southern California. He played trumpet with many renowned bands, including Ray Charles, Les Brown, Miles Davis and the Los Angeles Symphony. He was a studio musician for over 31 years. Mike won acclaim, not for his trumpet, but for long-distance running. He has run over 70,000 miles—three times around the earth. He is shown with some of over 5,000 awards he has won in 37 years of long-distance running events. He has been inducted into over 23 Halls of Fame in the United States for athletics.

Chuck '62 and **Diane (Thom) '64 Walker** have lived and worked in many places over the years and decided to move to Cando. Chuck has worked for Coldwell Bankers in Minot for 35-plus years. He is semi-retired and working out of his home in Cando. The couple has four children and five grandchildren.



Gene Buen '64, Velva, was inducted into the National High School Coaches Hall of Fame at a ceremony held in Branson, Mo., in June. Gene taught secondary math and coached at Velva High School for 35 years. He was also the American Legion baseball coach for 32 years. Gene was North Dakota Baseball Coach of the Year in 1975 and 1994. He was also inducted into the North Dakota High School Coaches

Association Hall of Fame in 1991 and the American Legion Hall of Fame in 1996. He was also named National High School Coaches Association Baseball Coach of the Year in 1992. Gene retired in 1999. He and his wife, Pat, continue to live in Velva. They have three grown children, Dianna, Dan and David, and two grandchildren.

Clarence Daniel '68, Spiritwood, was endorsed in April by the District 29 Dem/NPL for a position with the House of Representatives. Clarence

retired in the spring after 25 years as director of Stutsman County Social Services. Since retiring, he has been active in AARP and currently serves on a juvenile policy board for the Supreme Court, studying the Century Code as it pertains to Juvenile Court.

Elaine Larson '68, Minot, received a doctorate of education (Ed.D.) in educational leadership from University of North Dakota in August. She presented her dissertation on the perception of future needs for family and consumer science teachers in North Dakota's public schools.

70s



Mike Thorson '78, Bismarck, was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in the coaches' category at the spring ceremony in Fresno, Calif. He notes, "I contribute my success to the education I received at MSU, especially Wiley Wilson. Coaches like Wiley, Wes Luther, Ken Becker and Bert Leidholt were instrumental in shaping my life."

80s

Cathy (Rohde) Muus '81, Twin Falls, Idaho, was selected as the Southern Idaho Learning Center's Educator of the Year. The award is given by parents to a teacher who has gone the extra mile in instructing their bright, but sometimes difficult to teach, students, according to a news release.

Klara Huesers '83, Falls Church, Va., is an attorney-adviser with the Social Security Administration as part of the commissioner's rollout of the Federal Reviewing officer part of her disability service improvement plan.

Lisa (Erflle) Balas '84, Overland Park, Kan., works at YRC Worldwide, aka Yellow Roadway, as a liability claims examiner. She has a seven year-old daughter, Brittany Jo.

Beth (Erickson) Conner '84, Monsey, N.Y., was honored in June with a 2006 Tribute to Women and Industry Award. The event recognizes women across corporations, awarding them for their contributions and achievements. Conner, marketing manager, manages marketing and Internet communications, both internal and external, for the B-to-B/AVIT channel at Sony Electronics, Inc. She is a 16-year Sony veteran and has a history of community-service contributions.

Michelle (Nelson) Stroud '88, Lethbridge, Alberta, was named Lethbridge Herald Teacher of the Year. This is her first year of teaching grade two in the Lethbridge school district, after completing 10 years of teaching kindergarten in the Horizon School Division. She is married to David Stroud. He attended MSU 1984-87 and is a chiropractor. They have four sons. Michelle is the daughter of



Bob and Judy (Sneva) '64 Nelson of Minot.

Paul Lucy '89, Minot, has been hired as Director of the Division of Economic Development and Finance for the N.D. Department of Commerce. He is responsible for leading the state's efforts to attract,

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Stationed at Camp Anaconda, Iraq, performing route clearance operations, are (from left to right): Master Sgt. Todd Aannerud '93, Sgt. Jory Buchweitz '95, Spc. John Gruenberg '00, Sgt. Shea Colby '03, Sgt. Charles Colby '02, and Sgt. Dan Klein '96 & '01. The photo was taken by 1st Lt. Kris Neset, in front of a Buffalo, route clearance vehicle for IED's (improvised explosive devices).

Lloyd Mickelson '55 writes...

A lifetime dream to go to Antarctica for two reasons: 1) to see what is there and 2) to conquer the last continent in my quest to visit all seven continents. Mission accomplished! In January, I had the privilege to go to South America and Antarctica with a college friend, Jack Geving, originally from Ryder, N.D.

We flew to Buenos Aires, Argentina. The city of Buenos Aires is reminiscent of Paris. There is much French architecture. All will recognize the Pink Palace that housed Eva and Juan Peron. The city was very easy to get around cheaply by taxi. It was not uncommon to see a number of dog walkers. Some walked as many as 20 dogs at a time. I was told they get about \$30 per dog per



month. It is a great, inexpensive city. I recommend a visit. From Buenos Aires, we flew to the National Iguacu Park, which lies on the border of Argentina and Brazil. Iguacu Falls is truly a stupendous site, noted for its number of water falls. There are up to 290 water falls cascading during the rainy season, with an average of 135 plus during the other seasons.

We flew from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia, Argentina, the most southern city, where we boarded the Marco Polo ship, Orient Lines. We lucked out in sailing across the Drake Passage (where the Pacific and the Atlantic oceans meet [collide] and cause quite an uproar), in that we had smoother waters from the norm of a rampaging sea. Standing on the actual continent really only happened once on the peninsula, but it is still walking on THE CONTINENT! It was exciting to walk among the number of penguins. We saw two types: the gentoo and the chinstrap. Other live creatures observed were the crabeater and leopard seals, whales, and a number of different species of birds. No, there are no polar bears in Antarctica! I did see polar bears when I was previously in the Arctic Circle. The cruise gave us access to viewing many ice floes—big and small. One photo shows where the ships' zodiacs were harnessed to prevent a big ice floe from hitting the ship and doing damaged; there were many ice bergs—remember about 90 percent of the ice berg is below the water line; many mountain islands with many glaciers; and the cold, cold blue of the glaciers and the water. It being summer at the South Pole, the temperature was between 30 and 40 degrees above zero with a bright sunshine. The sun set about 11:30 p.m. and rose again about 2:30 a.m.



Many countries have expedition sites on the numerous islands as well as on the main continent. The continent tends to shift, and it grows and gets smaller depending upon the amount of ice accumulated during the normal cold time of the year. The exact point of the South Pole can drift as much as 30 feet in a year's time. The highlight of this tour was the opportunity to have lunch in Buenos Aires with my granddaughter

Laura, son Marshal's daughter. Laura went to Antarctica with a group of students from the Pacific Lutheran University at Tacoma, Wash. She is such a delight and world traveler. She spent last spring semester in Scotland and toured Europe and has been to Australia. My point is, she will probably have visited all seven continents before she is 30 years old, which took me 74 years to accomplish!



retain and expand businesses. He was previously employed as the senior vice president of business development for the Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation, where he was instrumental in developing and implementing an aggressive primary-sector-business recruitment marketing program.

90s

Allen '93 and **Annette Deplazes '92** currently have two homes. Annette lives and works in Bremerton, Wash., and Allen lives and works in Forks, Wash., where their youngest daughter is a senior in high school. After her graduation, they will make their home in Bremerton. Allen is in his third year at Forks Community Hospital, and Annette is in her 11th year with DCPS. They have three daughters, Alisha, Amber, and Aleana. They spend their summers taking some of their five classic cars to parades and car shows.

Zona (Allmaras) Mielke '92, Peoria, Ariz., is in her ninth year of teaching in the Peoria Unified School District. She teaches elementary general music for grades K-6 and elementary chorus for grades 5-8 at Heritage Elementary. She is married to Scott, and they have two daughters, Carolyn and Elyse.

Michael J. McCloud '94, Jamestown, has been a trooper with the North Dakota Highway Patrol since 1995. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant and reassigned as district sergeant of the Jamestown Highway Patrol district in August. He was previously stationed as a trooper in Kenmare and Minot.

Lori (Chaher) Tieg's '96 has lived in Edmonton, Alberta, since 2000. She was a senior graphic artist for 10 years in the printing industry and recently started a home-based design business, Whale Tail Graphics. She also teaches a design course part-time, as well as being an active photographer. She is married to Dean Tieg's, a senior systems analyst.



Donelle Carter '99, Circle Pines, Minn., was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame at the spring ceremony in Fresno, Calif.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with honor we dedicate this section to recognize alumni and friends who have passed away from July to October 15, 2006.

- (27) Schempp, Hulda; Garrison; September 2006; age 102
- (31) Lierbo (Knutson), Alma E.; Minot; October 2006; age 94
- (32) Broe (Enget), Harriet; Blaine, Minn./Williston; September 2006; age 100
- (32) Folden (Kringlee), Ethel K.; Milwaukie, Ore.; July 2006; age 95
- (34) Barrow (Bugge), Dorice; Racine, Wis.; February 2006; age 93
- (34) Switzer (Christenson), Frances V.; Fort Collins, Colo.; September 2006; age 94
- (35) Danielson (Torgerson), Myla E.; Sioux Falls, S.D./Minot; June 2006; age 90
- (35) Lervick, Marvin L.; Bismarck; August 2006; age 95
- (36) Baker (McGrath), Kathryn "Kay"; Minot; October 2006; age 93
- (37) Hawthorne (Wendland), Gladys; Dearborn, Mich.; July 2006; age 93
- (37) Osland (Belford), Eleanor M.; Park River/Devils Lake; August 2006; age 89
- (38) Saugstad (Friesen), Leona M.; Logan; October 2006; age 87
- (39) Simpson (Rod), Anna V.; Williston; September 2006; age 93
- (40) Johner (Christiansen), Marie E.; Minot; October 2006; age 89
- (40) Pearson (Hannwell), Augusta G.; Wing; September 2006; age 86
- (40) Ristvedt, Paul C.; Minot; July 2006; age 88
- (40) Zook (McFadden), June; Minneapolis, Minn.; July 2006; age 88
- (41/67) Tangedahl (Swedlund), Lucille; Bismarck; September 2006; age 84
- (51) Young, Don E.; Truckee, Calif.; September 2006; age 79
- (52) Jablovskis (Zodrow), Beverly; Schoolcraft, Mich.; February 2006
- (54) Gehring, Virgil; Fargo; September 2006; age 78
- (55) Foster (Smith), Germaine "Gerry"; Port Orchard, Wash.; September 2006; age 71
- (55) Miller, Virgil L.; Minot; September 2006; age 73
- (57) Carlson (Azure), Viola; Bottineau; September 2006; age 71
- (59) Lodoen (Henry), Bette J.; Westhope; September 2006; age 67
- (60) Kok (Endresen), Sharon A.; Bismarck/Plaza; August 2006; age 68
- (63) Lamore (Hokenstad, Helgeson), Julia; Cocoa Beach, Fla.; June 2006; age 64
- (63) Rovenko (Kizima), Annie J.; Max; August 2006; age 86
- (64) Bakken (Roe), Angelette G.; Minot; October 2006; age 94
- (67) Ronnie (Anderson), Lillian M.; Minot; August 2006; age 91
- (69) Bursinger (James), Margaret M.; Cando; August 2006; age 80.
- (70) Laber (Johnston), Barbara A.; Glencoe, Minn.; August 2006; age 78
- (70) Mahaney (Frederick), Joyce; Toledo, Ohio; June 2006; age 59
- (70) Rendahl (Simmons), Blanche J.; Bothell, Wash.; August 2006; age 91
- (75) Blessum, Ronald L.; Minot; July 2006; age 54
- (78) Morgan, Milton C., Sr.; Thermopolis, Wyo.; June 2006; age 73
- (80) Wardley-Niemi (Patterson), Sylvia C.; Beaver Creek, Ohio; July 2006; age 51
- (90) Graves (Lansverk), Debra K.; Minot; August 2006; age 54
- (98) Kelly, Delmer T.; Moorhead, Minn.; August 2006; age 43
- (99) Just (Bonnet), Darla Mae; Minot; September 2006; age 42
- ATTENDED**
- Baggenstoss, Art; Lansford; September 2006; age 92
- Bauer, Craig; Minot; September 2006; age 43
- Berglund (Sevalson), Doris L.; New Town; October 2006; age 93
- Bossert, Magdalen; Minot/Karlsruhe; August 2006; age 82
- Coats, Keith B.; Vancouver, Wash.; July 2006; age 70
- DeTienne (Holst), Jeanice E.; Minot; August 2006; age 76
- Ebner (Stearns), Hazel I.; Cando; August 2006; age 100
- Endresen (Bjordahl), Inga A.; Minot; August 2006; age 94
- Erb (Ross), Hazel; Tigard, Ore.; June 2006; age 92
- Erickson (Gunderson), Bernice; Crosby; June 2006; age 87
- Fjeld (Newman), Evelyn M.; Williston; July 2006; age 91
- Goetze (Loughead), Phyllis E.; Minot; July 2006; age 76
- Grilley, Donavan "Don"; Minot/Deering; September 2006; age 85
- Hall (Dunn), Gladys L.; Minot/Deering; August 2006; age 95
- Haman (Schiele), N. Winona; Towner; July 2006; age 86
- Hjelmstad (Harstad), Tilda; Minot/Glenburn; July 2006; age 92
- Hollar (Marks), Frances M.; Billings, Mont.; September 2006; age 100
- Hovey, Solvig; Fessenden; September 2006; age 85
- Johnson (Lee), Emma; Minot/Carpio; August 2006; age 86
- Kern (Teets), Clarice "Claire"; Sarasota, Fla.; September 2006; age 75
- Lemke (Murphy), Helen E.; Newport, Wash.; August 2006; age 92
- Luckey (Steen), Diane L.; Minot; July 2006; age 45
- Luhn (Johnson), Mae O.; Crossville, Tenn.; July 2006; age 82
- Paulson, Jerald "Jerry"; Sun City West, Ariz.; July 2006; age 83
- Polson (Hanson), Ruth; Lander, Wyo.; August 2006; age 93
- Santos, Jeremiah S.; Devils Lake; June 2006; age 21
- Saunders (Jeannotte), Marie "Mickie"; Minot; May 2006; age 85
- Schwarz (Knudson), Gladys J.; North Oakes, Minn.; August 2006; age 91
- Shirley (Batesole), Vesper; Minot/Lake Metigoshe; June 2006; age 94
- Swenson, Marvin L.; Minot; September 2006; age 79
- VanVleet (Lunden), Gladys; Bismarck; September 2006; age 90
- Vassar (Swanson), Thelma E.; Minot; September 2006; age 98
- Wangness (Haugen), Pearl; Kenmare; August 2006; age 77
- Ziegler (Larson), Leona M.; Garrison; September 2006; age 95
- FRIENDS**
- Galvin, Joe; Minot; July 2006; age 90.
- Paterson, William C.; New Hope, Minn.; May 2006; age 80.
- Sauer, Harold; Glenburn; August 2006; age 76
- Swenson, Marvin L.; Minot; September 2006; age 79

FORMER FACULTY/STAFF

- Ballmann, Everett A.; Fargo; October 2006; age 77; taught courses in American foreign policy and international relations from 1968 to 1972; advisor for International Peace Garden Conference.
- Bless (Sirek), Mary Ann; Grand Forks; July 2006; age 54; former administrative assistant for MSU Dean of Arts & Sciences.
- Brewer, Dr. Richard H.; Richfield, N.C.; May 2006; music faculty 1949-51.
- Burnes, Bruce; Red Wing, Minn.; May 2006; age 73; former chair and professor of the education department from 1986 to 1998.
- Ruge, Elizabeth S. "Libby"; Mulvane, Kan.; August 2006, age 99; MSTC bookstore manager for five years in the 30's.
- Schwarz, Dr. Ira Paul; Norwich, England; June 2006; music faculty 1961-66; founder of Minot chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.
- Sebulius, Kenneth H.; Bottineau; September 2006; plant services employee 1974-93 in heating and ventilation maintenance.



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\$100,000 IRA Gifts Rollover Passes

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 has been passed by Congress and signed by the President. It opens up new options for charitable giving from your IRAs. The gift opportunities are for current IRA gifts of up to \$100,000 annually in 2006 and 2007 for individuals age 70 ½ and above.

There are five general categories that alumni and friends of Minot State University will fit into as they explore the opportunities for giving to MSU from their IRAs.



In addition, there may be income tax benefits. If the donor were to take the IRA into his or her own personal income, there are several types of exemptions that are phased out at higher income levels. Thus, it may actually be preferable to make the gift directly from the IRA rather than making a charitable gift from regular income.

Standard Deduction Donor

The fourth category, a standard deduction donor, will benefit from a direct IRA to a charity gift. Many seniors do not have a mortgage, and their medical deductions are less than 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income. Thus, they may not have a sufficient level of deductions to itemize and choose, instead, to use the standard deduction.

If this donor withdraws \$1,000 from his or her IRA and then gives it to charity, there is \$1,000 of increased income with no offsetting charitable deduction since the standard deduction is taken. Therefore, it will be preferable for donors taking a standard deduction to make IRA gifts directly to charity and avoid the additional income tax.

Convenience Donor

The first category is the convenience donor. The majority of IRA owners delay taking IRA withdrawals until November or December of each year. This occurs for two reasons. First, the longer the funds are in the IRA, the more time there is to benefit from tax-free growth. Second, many IRA owners do not need the IRA income to cover their living expenses.

As the individual approaches the end of the year, he or she will need to make decisions. If an IRA owner is actively making gifts to charity during the year, then it may occur to him or her that this is a good opportunity to make an additional gift. Convenience donors will contact their IRA custodians to arrange for the IRA charitable rollover.

Fortunately, the IRA charitable rollover will qualify for the donor's required minimum distribution. There is no charitable income tax deduction, and you do not have to count the distribution as income. It is simply a very convenient way to help Minot State University.

Generous Donor

The second category is the generous donor, who wants to give past the 50 percent of adjusted gross income limit. This is the maximum permissible level for cash gifts each year. The excess gifts may be carried forward and deducted over the following five years.

If there is a desire to give more, they can give up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income from their regular assets and then make "over and above" gifts from their IRA. Some generous donors may, in effect, give 100 percent or more of income included in taxable income, and it will have no impact on their regular income and other charitable gifts.

Major Donor

The third category is the major donor. As the rules have continually become more favorable for IRAs and the withdrawal schedule has been reduced, large IRAs will continue to grow. Over longer periods of time, there are occasional market dips and drops, but the longer-term trend is positive, and large IRAs will continue to increase in value. For many professionals and business owners, the IRA may even become the vast majority of the estate. They have a need to do some "asset balancing," or there may be major future income tax problems.

Therefore, it may be desirable for the major donor to give \$100,000 per year to charity from his or her IRA. This has the advantage of "balancing" the estate assets.

Social Security Donor

Finally, the Social Security recipient may also benefit from IRA gifts. Social Security is subject to two levels of taxation. For donors who have income in excess of the first level, 50 percent of Social Security is taxed. For donors with income in excess of the second level, up to 85 percent of Social Security income may be subject to tax.

Withdrawing an amount from an IRA may potentially cause the recipient's income to increase from the 50 percent taxable bracket to the 85 percent Social Security taxable bracket. Even though the withdrawn amount is given to charity and deducted, there still is taxation with the added 35 percent bracket. Thus, by making the transfer directly to charity, many Social Security recipients will save substantial taxes.

There are four requirements for a qualified IRA charitable gift:

1. The IRA gift must otherwise have been includable in ordinary income to the IRA owner.
2. The IRA owner must be 70 ½ or older.
3. The gift must be to a qualified exempt public charity and may not have any limitations that would disqualify a charitable deduction.
4. The recipient may not be a private foundation, supporting organization or donor-advised fund.

I hope you will give serious consideration to making a gift to the Minot State University Foundation from your IRA. Please contact your IRA custodian to arrange for the IRA charitable rollover.

—BRADLEY BOTZ,
Vice President for Advancement



Crane Hall recently received a \$4.4 million facelift. The new residence hall features suite-style living to accommodate modern students' penchant for privacy. The original building (inset) was constructed in 1960. (Photo by Sandra Nordstrom.)



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